

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 9-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 20 are amended. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, on page 8, lines 1-35. No new matter is added. Reconsideration and allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

I. Personal Interview

Applicant appreciates the courtesies shown to Applicant's representative by Examiners Saint Cyr and Annan in the April 7, 2009 personal interview.

II. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-7, 13, 14 and 17-26 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 6,157,809 to Kambayashi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,606,748 to Tomioka et al. (Tomioka); rejects claims 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kambayashi, Tomioka and U.S. Patent No. 6,005,565 to Legall et al. (Legall); and rejects claims 15 and 16 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Kambayashi, Tomioka and U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0147814 to Kimchi et al. (Kimchi). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Kambayashi and Tomioka, either alone or in combination, fail to disclose each and every feature recited in claim 1. For example, claim 1 is amended to recite "a step in which the receiver terminal generates at least one subsequent information request on the basis of the initial information request, wherein the subsequent information request comprises additional parameters, the additional parameters including at least a time interval," and "during the step of receiving description data, the data supplied relates to audiovisual content broadcast in the time interval specified in the subsequent information request."

Kambayashi discloses a receiving terminal 2 with a network access unit 2c (see Kambayashi, Fig. 1). When a user of receiving terminal 2 clicks a desired command button, receiving terminal 2 detects that an event occurs and sends an event ID and terminal

information to a broadcasting station server 1c (see Kambayashi, col. 12, lines 7-61). However, the communication sent from receiver terminal 2 to the broadcasting station server 1c does not include a time interval (see Kambayashi, lines 56-58). Therefore, Kambayashi fails to disclose the subsequent information request recited in claim 1.

Because Kambayashi fails to disclose a subsequent information request including a time interval, Kambayashi also fails to disclose the description data receiving step recited in claim 1. In order for data to be supplied to receiver terminal 2 relating to audio visual content broadcast in the time interval specified in a subsequent information request, there must be a subsequent information request including a time interval. Tomioka fails to remedy the deficiency of Kambayashi. Therefore, the combination of Kambayashi and Tomioka fails to disclose each and every feature recited in independent claim 1.

Independent claim 20 also requires that the subsequent information request comprises additional parameters that include at least a time interval and that the receiver terminal receives data relating to audio visual content broadcast in a time interval specified in a subsequent information request. Therefore, claim 20 is also patentable at least for the reasons discussed above for claim 1, as well as for the additional features claim 20 recites.

Claims 2-7, 9-19 and 23-26 depend from independent claims 1 and 20, respectively. Therefore, these claims are also patentable at least for their dependency on independent claims 1 and 20, as well as for the additional features they recite. For example, Legall and Kimchi do not cure the deficiencies of Kambayashi and Tomioka.

III. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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